GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:426
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004
BLAST IN BHUSHAN STEEL
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a blast in Bhushan Steel as appeared in Dainik Jagran dated October 10, 2004;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the army in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incident in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 426 FOR 2.12.2004

The Government is aware of certain incidents pertaining to a blast in the premises of Bhushan Steel. In order to prevent such incidents in future, the Government has taken steps and brought about changes in procedures of import. Metal Scrap in unshredded, compressed or loose form will be accompanied with a pre-inspection certificate to the effect that it does not contain any ammunition or other explosives material or radio active material irrespective of the sources of such imports. Such imports will also be subject to 100% examination apart from stringent penal action for violation of the provisions of Foreign Trade Policy.

No inquiry has been conducted by the Army in this regard.